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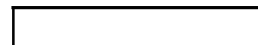
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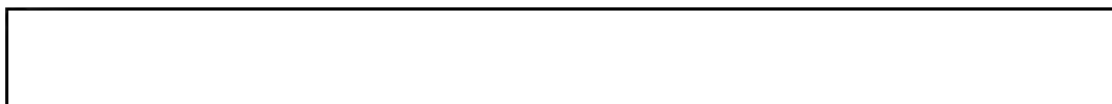
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NOTE

JORDAN: KING HUSAYN WILL SEEK INCREASED FINANCIAL SUPPORT WHEN HE VISITS SAUDI ARABIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE PLANS TO ASK FOR AN INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL \$45-MILLION SUBSIDY TO JORDAN AS WELL AS FOR A SPECIAL LUMP-SUM GRANT TO COVER THIS YEAR'S BUDGET DEFICIT. AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER THE DEFICIT WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$36 MILLION, SOME 16 PERCENT OF TOTAL REVENUES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JORDAN'S MOST LIKELY SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL AID THIS YEAR ARE SAUDI ARABIA OR ABU DHABI. UNLESS AID IS RECEIVED, AMMAN'S ALREADY TIGHT FINANCIAL POSITION WILL WORSEN, HARMING THE RECENT RESURGENCE IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND A NEW THREE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. [REDACTED]

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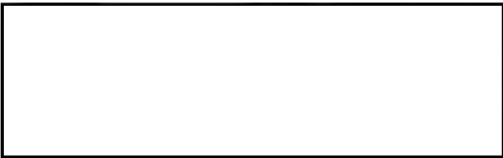
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